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SCORES CONTRACTORS, FOREMEN  
FOR NONCOOPERATION WITH STAKHANOVITES

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 Stakhanovite Mason

At an informal meeting held in the Nepszava offices, a group of Stakhanovites discussed the difficulties which still obstruct the Stakhanovite movement. / It was brought out during the meeting that many building enterprises have relegated the movement to a secondary role, although the Five-Year Plan provides for unprecedented building activity with a goal of 341 new industrial establishments and 220,000 homes for workers.

Maksimenko (fnu), Stalin Prize winning Stakhanovite mason, recently conducted practical courses in Hungary on the conveyer-belt method in building. Contrary to his recommendations, however, building contractors and foremen are uncooperative and withhold any and all support from the workers. / This attitude is illustrated by the following experiences:

"I was employed at the Budakeszi home building project last spring and my job was to teach Stakhanovite methods. I organized two Stakhanovite brigades, the men were pleased to work under the new method, and very good results were accomplished. A few weeks later, I returned to the project and was shocked to find that the Stakhanovite method had been abandoned. When I spoke to the foreman he gave me the curt reply, "I have no time for that sort of thing." I patiently organized four new brigades and started the Stakhanovite movement on the project again. However, no help was extended by the building management."

At the Eger Stakhanovite school foreman Kartoczy showed the same attitude and told the Stakhanovite instructors that neither manpower nor adequate material was available. The instructors and men procured the personnel as well as the materials during the course of instruction without help from the management. However, one week later, when the instructors revisited the school, they found it in sad condition; the men were behind in their quota and Kartoczy gave lack of cement as excuse.

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The defects in the Stakhanovite movement call for action by the Ministry of Building. Courses should be held for contractors, foremen, and other building technicians, and the movement should also be popularized by means of pamphlets.

In this connection, the problem of apprentice training deserves attention. It is imperative that the current inadequate and incompetent training should be improved. Apprentices must also be supervised more strictly, to weed out the widespread lack of work discipline and other malpractices.

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